

Shows for 2017

May	6th (sat)	CGA Spring Show	01726 823800	Dairy & Pygmy
May	18th to 20th	Devon County Show	01392 353705	Dairy
June	8th to 10th	Royal Cornwall Show & The Kernow Show	01326 563229	Dairy & Pygmy Dairy
June	16th to 18th	Three Counties Show	01684 584901	Dairy & Pygmy
June	25th	Devon & Somerset Male & Youngstock	01395 233985	Dairy
July	1st	Machen Show	01766 771078	Pygmy
July	7th	Bridgend Show	01656 661338	Pygmy
July	8th	Liskeard Show	07894 456099	No Goats
July	15th/16th	Yeovil Show	01935 432567	Dairy
July	15th	Camborne Show	No goats this year	
July	17th	Stithians Show	01726 823800	Dairy & Pygmy
July	24th to 27th	Royal Welsh Show	01982 553683	Dairy & Pygmy
July	22nd	Mid Devon Show	01884 242486	Pygmy
July	26th	Yealmpton Show	07712 681306	Dairy
July	27th	Launceston Show	01566 775483	No goats
Aug	5th	Brecon Show	01874 611811	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	10th	Okehampton Show	01363 866161	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	19th	CGA Male & Youngstock and Pygmy Autumn Show	01726 890409	Dairy & Pygmy
Aug	24th	Melplash Show	01308 423337	Dairy
Aug	24th	Holsworthy Show	01288 355335	Pygmy
Sept	2nd/3rd	Dorset Show	01305 264249	Dairy
Sept	9th	Frome Show	01373 463600	Dairy & Pygmy
Oct	14th	CGA Annual General Meeting		
Kea Community Hall, Truro			01726 890409	

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ADVERTISE YOUR HERD

We will not be including a goats-for-sale section, as this service is already well provided for by the breed societies and other websites. However, we have a herd directory where members are welcome to advertise contact details for your herds and the services you can offer. This advertising is FREE to all members, but we will be charging non-members. Please have a look at the herds that have already had their details published for ideas on what to include and contact Sue with the information you would like added. It is early days for the website, so there is the opportunity to develop it further. If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute, please contact Sue by email at

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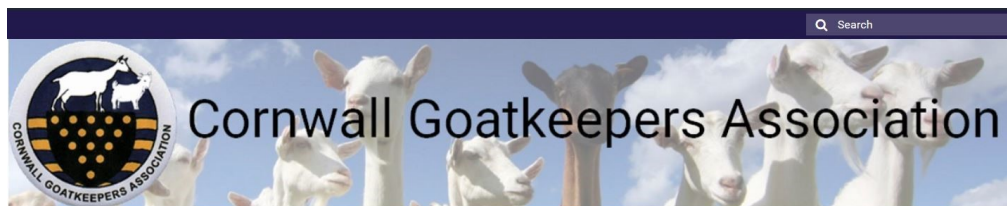


Arapawa Island - New Zealand

On a recent edition of BBC Countryfile, Adam Henson visited Arapawa Island to see a group of feral goats. These are a small breed of

goats with distinctively patterned faces, and are believed to be a surviving remnant of a pair of the Old English breed, released by James Cook in 1773. In the 1970s they were nearly all culled as it was thought that they were responsible for damaging the island's forest, but fortunately some were saved and the herd still exists. More information can be found on the following web sites

www.rarebreeds.co.nz/arapawagoat
www.arapawagoats.com



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New Website Launched

The CGA has a new website at www.cornwallgoatkeepersassociation.co.uk please go and have a look. The website is being managed by Sue Barrow so we can more easily keep it up to date with the latest association news, the results of the shows and lots of cute goat photos.

PHOTOS OF WINNING GOATS NEEDED

The show results from 2016 are included, but we don't have photographs of all the classes with the winners and runners-up. If you have photos from the shows or are one of the winners and would like a picture of your goat next to the results please send by email to Sue. Please label each picture with the show, class, name of the goat and of course the owner!

We would also like to have a gallery of photographs of your goats, especially archive photographs from previous shows and your herds over the years. It would be lovely to have pictures of your holdings and herds past and present so that we can keep a record of goat keeping in Cornwall.

Please don't send the originals, but rather digital copies to Sue

CLOVEN HOOF NOTES

Spring Show schedule and entry form
included in this issue

Extra class this year for Dairy Male Kids

Royal Cornwall Show

June 8th to 10th

This year included within the dairy goat show,
we will have the

Golden Guernsey Breed show for the South West

See show RCS schedule for extra classes this year

Camborne Show

Due to the show falling on Saturday prior to exhibitors arriving on Sunday for Stithians Show, we are unable to run the show this year,

If you have any articles or news which can be printed in the Cloven Hoof, until we have a new permanent editor **(could that be you?)** send them to Geoff Munson at gandamunson@outlook.com

Front cover Both photographs are from the Grand Parade at
The Royal Cornwall Show in 2016

FROM THE CHAIR

Well Christmas and New Year are well behind us and kidding time is in full swing. I hope all is going well for you? I can remember many nights sleeping in my goat shed waiting to assist a nanny to deliver her kids. The coldest nights I have every survived although it is amazing how quickly you can move when you need to. I must confess now that I no longer breed from my goats I don't miss the long nights kidding but I really miss the kids. No little babies jumping around in the yard!

The committee met before Christmas and have another meeting towards the end of April. It was refreshing to welcome the new committee members – always good to have fresh ideas and view points. I am certain that we will all work well together for the benefit of the club.

Preparations are well under way for our Spring and Male & Youngstock/Autumn Pygmy shows. Show licences applied for and approved and will be in the post to me early next week. Judges booked, rosettes being sorted, venue booked ---- all we need to organise now is some good weather.

The pre-show work is well under way for Stithians with the show agreeing to move the water tap so that it is accessible for both dairy and pygmy sections, breed rosettes ordered (although not received yet), recognised show registration completed, judge and his

of the removed teeth is incredible and showed that her top and bottom jaws had not grown at the same rate. The tooth from the right side showed signs of being worn by grinding against the bottom teeth whereas the tooth from the left side showed very little wear and was considerably larger. So she is able to grind her food on the right hand side but not on the left.

The vet and I had the conversation about her future as, although I do not want to lose her, there is no way I would want her to suffer. One of the hardest conversations any goat keeper wishes to have but a necessary one for the goat. The vet warned me that removing the teeth was not guaranteed cure and recommended giving Daisy a month to see if she could put back condition and eat successfully. If this does not succeed then the kindest thing will be to put her to sleep.

Well a month on and she is eating her concentrates and Just Grass, she appears to have no interest in hay what-so-ever although she will pick at fresh branches. Daisy now has a very nice barrel and is as bright as a button. Long may it last!

What I cannot understand is how her mouth and jaw look so "normal" there is no appearance from the outside to indicate that she has a problem.

I would be very interested to hear if anyone else has experienced this problem with any of their goats – and if they have how they overcame it.

Fortunately I have never kidded Daisy so she has not passed this problem onto her offspring – also I am very pleased that I did not sell her and that she became a problem for someone else.

Julia Clarke

Dowgas Daisy and the Tooth Fairy???

Dowgas Daisy was born in January 2011 and as a kid and a goatling she had superb shape, brilliant top line, good heart width, good boning, and walked wide.

So what the heck went wrong at approximately 20 months of age? She never physically matured into what I would have expected of an adult female, hence never kidding from her.

All appeared well, with the exception of not showing her as she never put on the condition and shape I would have expected to see in an adult female. Her sternum is extremely pointed to start with plus she is still the size of a small goatling.

In May of 2016 I noticed a swelling on the right side of her mouth and on investigating she was packed tightly with cuds between her bottom jaw and cheek. The cuds were duly removed and all went well for a few weeks. Towards the end of August she once again had a swollen look to her right side and Mike and I started on the task of removing cuds every day when feeding her. You can imagine this was extremely unpleasant for Daisy (and at times painful for us). She had also taken on the strange movement of her jaw as she tried to manipulate the cuds.

By the middle of September Daisy was noticeably losing what slight condition she had so the inevitable visit to the vet. On initial examination on the Tuesday the vet could feel a loose tooth and ask for her to be starved until the next morning then return for her to be gassed for further examination.

Wednesday morning arrived and once again off to the vet. Once Daisy was gassed it was clear to see the problem which amazed me. Two teeth were removed, one from either side of her top jaw, as they were extremely loose. The difference in size

accommodation confirmed, show rosettes ordered, schedules approved. All I need to get my head around now (I think) is the stripping tickets. If anyone has an electronic copy of the stripping tickets I would be so grateful if you could send them to me. Also, if you think I have forgotten anything please feel free to remind me.

Sue has Royal Cornwall under her belt – mind you she is an old hand with this show (experience wise Sue not age!). Sue might need some extra help at this year's show as she is having problems booking the time off from work so hopefully we will all be able to pull together and help her where needed?

Kind regards to you all

Julia Clarke

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Subscription Renewal

Subscriptions which remain the same as last year, were due on the 1st January 2017, and if there is a red spot on the address label of the envelope this magazine came in, this indicates that we have not yet received your renewal. We have included within this issue of the Cloven Hoof, another copy of the renewal form. We hope you will renew as your membership is very important to us.

PRESIDENT'S BIT

Happy Spring Days! Dare I say that? We certainly have had a cold winter especially for Cornwall. Enough of complaining about the weather, we British do a lot of that though often with good reason.

How are you and your goats? Some of you will have kidded already, some may be waiting, others will not kid this year. Those of you not kidding can enjoy the babies of other goatkeepers at the shows if you come to see us.

So, is it time now to plan your year? Book your holidays if you take them? If you are planning a holiday and keep animals, make sure whoever usually looks after your place and goats or other animals is available before you book.

It's amazing just how much planning should go into goatkeeping. Your own routines will decide when you feed, milk, muck out, buy food etc. What one often forgets is when to wash your goats, usually before the show season or when you trim hooves, when you worm your goats, when any medications are given, who to use for the next mating etc etc. Just a quick reminder to think about your year ahead before it happens.

Nothing that is worth having is easy so they say. That is certainly the case with goats, but they bring so much pleasure and enjoyment that all we do for them is well worth it.

I now live in a one bedroomed flat and the gardens are communal so whenever I see a baby goat I like and say to myself"oh that beautiful kid would grow into a lovely

Pygmy Goats transform pupil behaviour

A secondary school in the south of England is using goats to manage pupil behaviour and boost engagement. They may be less than 3ft tall but the latest recruits at the school are having a big impact on behaviour. The 5 pygmy goats whose role has expanded beyond being mere pets, to being used for "goat time" for students who are at risk of misbehaving in class, and the school has found that behaviour incidents have dropped dramatically in 5 months since their arrival at the school. There is also a large school goat club which has sprung up, to help care for the animals. These members of the goat club are all possible future keepers of pygmy and or dairy goats.



Schools at the Royal Cornwall Show

Those who attend Royal Cornwall Show will know that for some years we have had two schools, one primary and one secondary, who enter goats in the Goat competitions. The pupils taking the animals into the show rings, competing with adults, not just as junior handlers. They are fully supported by the schools and all the pupils are also encouraged in the care of the animals. We hope some of these pupils will be the goat keepers of the future.

As you may remember, Jean Macleod died last summer. The cremation was private according to her wishes but her family had a little gathering to which Geoff and I were honoured to be invited, to scatter some of her ashes. Among her possessions her family found a poem she had written, no, I never had her down as a poet either, but when it was read out in Cardinham Woods while her ashes were being scattered I thought maybe our club members might enjoy reading what she had written.

Ann Munson

**Silly goats, giddy goats, racing down the lane
Angry owner, shouting owner, chasing them in vain.**

**Screaming jet, sonic jet stops them in their track
Ears up, eyes popping, they turn and race right back.**

**Grateful owner, breathless owner, says a silent prayer
Thanks that noisy aeroplane speeding through the air.**

**Smelly billy, lonely billy, looking far away
Where his beloved harem grazes on the ley
Why, oh why, he wonders, is he not there as well
Loving them rubbing them with his attractive smell.**

**Giddy goats, silly goats, racing round their yard -
Barking dogs, excited dogs have set them on their guard
Black goats, wicked goats, cavorting through the air,
BA goats, devil goats, their owner in despair.**

**White goats, cuddling goats, lying in the straw
BS goats, placid goats, making milk galore.
Stressed out owner, tired out owner, standing at the gate,
Nerves relax, tension goes, when owner and goats relate.
Cuddling goats, nuzzling goats - for once you get the bug,
Keeping goats and loving goats is Nature's natural drug.**

Jean G Macleod 1998

milker....." I have to stop! My lifestyle now, part in UK and part in West Africa does not allow the keeping of goats. I must say however, that once you have kept goats, even if you have to give them up, they are always in your mind, always with you with so many memories always ready to come to the forefront of your mind.

For me, I still have access to goats when in West Africa as they roam free anywhere and everywhere, unless fenced out. In the U.K. the shows keep up my interest in goats and sometimes I look after the goats of others whilst they go on holiday. My interest in goats will never retire until I am disabled, I think.

Sheila

Cornwall Goatkeepers Association

Male & Youngstock Show

(Judge Mr T Hanna - Co Down)

Autumn Pygmy Show

(Judge Miss E Thomas - Somerset)

will be held at Mays Country Store on

Saturday 19th August 2017

Scilly Goatkeeping



Arriving here on Scilly in 2004 with a herd of goats we were of great interest to the island population.

Neighbours wanted to call to have hands on experience of our lovely friendly British Guernsey goats. Many of you over there on mainland came to my assistance with my breeding programme. Thank you to everyone who provided males and transported them down to the ferry at Penzance for their honeymoon on Scilly !!

The resultant kids were a huge attraction and everyone was volunteering to bottle feed them. After a decade of fun I decided to cut down and luckily was approached by two lovely ladies who had always wanted to keep goats. One lady had visited Guernsey with the Scilly Wildlife Trust and really liked that breed and luckily my herd could provide her wishes. Two nannies of my herd are now still here on St Marys in good hands. The two of them have become

proficient at milking, grooming, hoof trimming and branching. Scilly has many pittisporum hedges to protect the flower fields so our goats are in heaven for nutrition! So I am now relaxing with a retired nanny called Florence and as a companion, Bertram a wether kid, who is my first chocolate edition. When your secretary visited us this year this beautiful photograph of my two remaining goats was taken. It is still a great reason to get up in the morning and feed them and have a cuddle as I have kept goats for over 60 years now.

If you ever visit the islands you are welcome for a cuppa and to see my small herd on our smallholding Pam x

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Pam Manning had been the only Goat keeper on Scilly for many years, so it lovely now to have more Goat keepers on the islands.

Photograph by June Markham
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HOLIDAYS FOR GOATS

Holidays for goats... going away and have no one to care for your goats? I can offer accommodation, consisting of a 'bedroom' and enclosed exercise area, with supervised access to a secure paddock. I can care for milkers and non milkers..... and it is not as expensive as you may think!

Space available from July, max. 2 goats at a time, and must be CAE neg. tested

Collection and delivery service, at cost, is also available

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